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TAGS: PINT,OREP, ALBERT,CAR, UR,US

SUBJECT: LEVIEV TRIAL

1. DURING PLENARY MEETING WITH CODEL ALBERT, SOVIET SUPREEME
COUT CHIEF JUSTICE SMIRNOV RAISED LEVIEV CASE. SMIRNOV
PLACED CASE IN CONTEXT OF WESTERN ALLEGATIONS OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST JEWS, NOTING THAT MAN WAS CONVICTED OF FORGERY OF
ACADEMIC RECORDS AND LARGE-SCALE BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES.
IN SUBSEQUENT, PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER,
SOVIET OF NATIONALITIES CHAIRMAN RUBEN NOTED THAT CASE WAS NOW
BEFORE RSFSR SUPREME COURT, AND INTIMATED THAT THERE WAS POSSIBILITY
THAT LEVIEV'S SENTENCE WOULD BE COMMUTED FROM DEATH TO 15 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT. (NOTE: SMIRNOV PRESIDED WHEN RSFSR SUPREME COURT
COMMUTED SENTENCES ON DYMSHITS AND KUZNETZOV FROM DEATH TO
15 YEARS IN HIJACKING CASE.)
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